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# 250th Birthday For Detroit

# Japan Honors Dr. Rintaro Mori

On July 9. Japan released the tenth stamp in its Famous Japaness series, the first one of which came into being 1949.



Honored at this time was Rintaro Mori (1862-1922), author, dramatist and critic who wrote his prose under the pen name of Ougai Mori. By profession, Mori was a doctor. For a number of years he served as the director of Japan's Army Medical Bureau. Like the previous nine, the denomination is 8 yen. The color is dark red brown. Printing is in panes of 20 stamps from engraved plates.

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Asahi-cho, Yokkaichi Mie, Japan, the next issue from the Land of the Rising Sun will be a set of four to publicise the Towada Lake National Park on the Island of Hokkaido.
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Denominations are to be 2, 8, Denominations are to be 2, 8, 14 and 24 yen, the designs picturing various scenes from the park. The stamps, and a souvenir sheet containing one of each of the stamps, will be in the same style and format as previous emissions for the Japanese National Parks.

# Stamps For Olympic Games At Finland

For the 15th Olympic Games which will take place at Helsinki, Finland in 1952, that nation will produce a set of four semipostal stamps with a release date near the end of this year.

Sports on stamps enthusiasts will welcome these for their well done action packed designs.

Two of the designs are the work of Tapia Wirkkalan, the 7 plus lmk picturing soccer ball players in action, and a 40 plus 6mk runner.

6mk runner.

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Aimo Ronkasen drew the 12 plus 2mk picturing a high diver, while G. A. Jysky conceived the 20 plus 3mk which shows a section of the Olympic Games stadium at Helsinki.

According to Bertel Larnes of Helsinki, Finland, the designs have met with the general approval of his fellow collectors in that nation.

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# Pakistan Celebrates Fourth Anniversary Of Independence With 8 Commems August 14

It hardly seems like it happened almost four years ago, but on August 14 Pakistan will celebrate the fourth anniversary of its independence with a set of eight postage stamps. Situated for the most part in the northern area of the continent of India, it has a national area of approximately 233,000 square miles and a population of around 70 million mostly Moslem in faith. The stamps, two of which will be airmails, are eight in number, have four designs distributed among them equally, and will be printed in one color. The designs and colors are "home" efforts, while the actual printing will be done in England by Thomas de la Rue & Co. of London.

One of Pakistan's most noted artists conceived and executed the philatelic art work. He is K. B. Abdur Rahman Chughtai. Colors were selected by officials of the Ministry of Communications.



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Ceramics have always been of reat interest to Moslems, with glazed pottery work as one of the (Continued on page 11)

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# Italian Tourist Series Possible

The Italian Ministry of Posts is seriously considering the issue of a "Serie Turistica"—a set of stamps to publicize the natural beauties of Italy—according to information received by P. Os-

Details are not yet available, but the sponsors of the proposed set have in mind something on the order of the present "Italy at Work" the order of the present "Italy at Work" issue, but featuring, instead of the principal industries and occupations of the various regions of Italy, the beauty spots of those regions.

These might well include scenes from Italy's famous Alpine areas, the beautiful Bay of Naples and the internationally famous Island of Capri.

Italian collectors have, for some time, been agitating for such an

time, been agitating for such an issue. This is the first indication that the Italian Government is expected to give its consent.

# New Officers Elected By Lawncrest Society

Philadelphia's Lawncrest Philatelic Society elected new officers recently. They are president Leo Franzen; vice president Irvin D. Wolf; William Hawkins, treasurer and Archy S. Meyers, 7024 Georgian Rd., Philadelphia 38, Pa. secretary.

The group is affiliated with the Society of Philatelic Americans as branch #30. It meets the first and third Tuesdays in the Lawncrest Recreation Center, 600 Rising Sun Ave. Visitors are always

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# Michigan City Founded In 1701 By Cadillac Of France; Commem First Day July 24

France's Louis XIV, who reigned as king, from 1643 to 1715 and called "The Great" by French historians is just about as responsible as anyone for the festivities taking place in Detroit, Mich. the week of July 22. For it was "Louie" who ordered the governor of the French colony and fort at Michilimackinac south to build a fort commanding the water connecting Lakes Huron and Erie. That man was Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, and the fort, named Pontchartrain du Detroit, was the seed from which grew modern Detroit, Michigan. According to historians the building of the fort was started 250 years ago on July 24, 1701.

Two hundred and fifty years later, on that same date, the United States Post Office Department will issue a commemorative stamp in honor of Cadillac's arrival.

Having a 3c denomination, it will have its first day of issue at Detroit during ceremonies in which will participate representatives from a number of nations,

especially good neighbor Canada,
Great Britain and France,
The stamp itself will picture
Detroit's modern skyline and
Cadillac's landing.

For a while those who assumed the responsibility of working up the Detroit celebration were afraid they would have to abandon their plans because of the Korean War. Fortunately, they saw their way clear to go ahead, and since the first of this year, various activities and festivities of a commemorative nature have been staged.

During the week of July 22, Detroiters will reach the peak part of their founding festival. Appropriately and significantly

enough every church in the Mo-tor City will on Sunday July 22 invoke continued Divine aid and

blessings for the community.
On Tuesday July 24, the big day, a sunrise salute and military flag raising at near-by Fort Wayne Military Museum will get

Wayne Military Museum will get things under way.

Then comes an international dedication at Belle Isle, Detroit's unique island park in the De-troit River. British and Canadian representatives will share in this and other of the founding day activities. activities.

activities.

Throughout the week the festive atmosphere will be enhanced with continuous presentations of musical and dancing groups on a stage in Grand Circus Park, heart of the downtown district.

Dedication of a historical museum is scheduled along with the laying of cornerstones for a new city-county building and various other civic edifices.

The gala period will be cli-

The gala period will be climaxed by a cavalcade of many bands, marching groups and lavish floats portraying the city's history.

Another highlight is the presentation of a pageant "The City of Freedom" by the University of Detroit in the U. of D. stadium from July 13 to 23. Shown will be the story of the city's development from 1701.

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velopment from 1701.

The city derived its name from the French "de'etroit" meaning narrows, or strait which early explorers and commandants of the region applied to the entire body of water extending from Lake Huron to Lake Erie.

After Cadillac had established the for and small trading nost

the fort and small trading post in 1701 he was diplomatically wise enough to make friends with the Indians. With his red man neighbors he remained for the most

part at peace.

Ambition and greed on the part of some of his officers and associates undermined Cadillac at the French Court with the result he was transferred to Louisiana.

The new regime antagonized the Indians with the result that

existence was perilous.

About this time the French and British were engaged in war for possession of North America, with the latter taking rather firm holds

the latter taking rather firm holds on the land along the eastern sea coast. This made it difficult for the French to send supplies to Fort Pontchartrain (Detroit).

Thus when Major Robert Rogers, and his "Roger's Rangers" appeared on November 29, 1760 before the fort demanding its surrender in the name of the British king, the governor gave in without firing a shot.

The British had their troubles too. In the great Indian uprising

The British had their troubles too. In the great Indian uprising Detroit was the only fort or trading post west of Fort Pitt and Fort Niagara to survive. From May 9 to October 12, 1763, the famed Indian chief Pontiac besieged Detroit and on several occasions attacked it. Heroic measure sayed the situation.

are saved the situation.

A rebuilding took place on the site in 1778. The new post bore the name of Fort Lernoult. It housed approximately 300 inhab-

housed approximately 300 inhabitants in crude log cabins.

It was the point from which the British sent out expeditions during the American Revolution to harass the Colonists. When the English abandoned the fort in 1796, the Americans took over renaming it Fort Shelby.

In 1802, it was incorporated as a town in the Northwest Territory. Three years later, in 1805, it was almost completely destroyed by fire.

it was almost completely destroyed by fire.

The town was immediately replatted on a larger scale with wider streets and the rebuilding began at once. It might be of interest that in the rebuilding, Detroit and Washington, D.C. have something in common.

Detroit is laid out on a gridiron pattern superimposed on the older sections upon an earlier radial

er sections upon an earlier radial plan based upon the L'Enfant plan for the nation's capital.

Early in the War of 1812 with England, General Hull surrendered the city to the British under General Brock. Reoccupation by the Americans was effected on September 29, 1813.

In 1815, Detroit was incorporated as a village, and as a city in 1824. It was the capital of Michigan Territory from 1805 to 1837, and of the state from 1837 to 1847 after which time the capital was moved to Lansing.

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he tried Cincinnati, but soon voyaged down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, observing and painting more birds as he traveled, until he reached New Orleans, where he became a tutor and drawing teacher.

Not finding a willing publisher in America, he took his work to England in 1826, where he stayed for quite some years, until his reputation as an authentic artist of bird-life was established and most of his books were printed. Such early books have been edited and reprinted many times ed and reprinted many times since, especially his "Birds of North America" for which he became most famous, and which book is now accepted as standard in most reference libraries.

ard in most reference libraries.

In 1841 he returned to America, and settled on a parcel of land near New York City which he established as a sanctuary for all manner of songbirds—it is now property of the city and is known as Audubon Park. The birdman worked for the last ten years of his life on another volume, entitled "Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America", but the Grim North America", but the Grim Reaper with the Scythe did not allow him to finish it.

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# **BNAPS** Will Have Lounge At CAPEX

When CAPEX, the Canadian When CAPEX, the Canadian International Philatelic Exhibition, plays host to the world's collectors from September 21 to 29 at Toronto, Canada, one of the national collectors groups holding a booth there will be the British North America Philatelic Society.

Society.

Made up for the most part of collectors resident in the United States and Canada interested in Canadian, Newfoundland and former Canadian Provinces issues the society has been a most set. sues, the society has been a most active association for a number of

Among the special attractions which BNAPS will sponsor at Toronto will be a private showing of the collection of "Fakes, Forgeries, and Curiosities" formed by G. P. Bainbridge. This collection includes one of the six extant "Louis Riel Republic of Canada"

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# 1851 Unit Honors Ashbrook, Chase

Stanley B. Ashbrook and Dr. Carroll Chase were honored by the 1851-57 Unit #11 of A.P.S., National Philatelic Museum, American Philatelic Society Chapter #18, Society of Philatelic Americans, American Philatelic Congress, SEPAD and many other organizations during the historical Centenary 1851-57 Exhibition and Convention at the National Philatelic Museum.



The exhibition is by far the greatest philatelic achievement in the annals of philately. Several important stamp collectors from distant cities, who were not mem-bers of the 1851-57 Unit, told the staff of the National Philatelic staff of the National Philatelic Museum that they made the trip with some misgivings. They frankly admitted a preconceived notion that the 1851-57 Issues, containing only two stamps (1c and 3c) of great consequence out of eight, would be a somewhat monotonous exhibition.

Their feelings, however, were allayed and fully dissipated later as they stated that this particular exhibition reached the highest philatelic standard, and that the manner in which it was presented and the individual exhibits, showing the guintespace of philatelic.

and the indivdual exhibits, showing the quintessence of philatelic research, will set a mark for all national exhibitions to follow. The exhibition will remain open until August 5, and its salient points will be microfilmed for posterity. Movie slides of the exhibits have been made, as well as photographs of the visitors, for a permanent record. a permanent record.



Stanley B. Ashbrook

The endless energy displayed by the General Chairman of the 3c 1851-57 Unit, W. W. Hicks, drew plaudits on his behalf. The entire exhibition was held in honor of the two outstanding exponents of philately, Stanley B. Ashbrook and Dr. Carroll Chase. The Unit decided to present them. The Unit decided to present them with a remembrance in token of with a remembrance in token of appreciation for their accomplishments in philately. After careful consideration, Bernard Davis, Director of the National Philatelic Museum, was instructed to secure two large albums in Red Morocco Genuine Leather with a message regarding the exhibition imprinted in gold for presentation to ed in gold for presentation to

ed in gold for presentation to them.

The banquet, a gala affair, was held in the Warwick Hotel. The speakers' table included Lester L. Downing, Donald M. Steele, Dr. Gerald B. Smith, Dr. Carroll Chase, Tracy W. Simpson, W. W. Hicks, Sanley B. Ashbrook, Mortinger L. Neisberg, Chasles Charles A. timer L. Neinken, Charl Pfahl and Bernard Davis.

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Simpson, who had two assistant toastmasters, Mortimer L. Nein-ken and Dr. Gerald B. Smith, who,

toastmasters, Mortimer L. Neinken and Dr. Gerald B. Smith, who, in turn, made the presentations to Stanley B. Ashbrook and Dr. Carroll Chase, respectively.

Principal speaker at the banquet was Dr. Carroll Chase who reviewed his career since childhood, his experiences in France in the Medical Corps of the French Army, his stay in France up to World War II, his friendly relationship with a small and exclusive philatelic circle in France and his participation in expertizing stamps of the world.

He also related an incident in his home when after twenty arduous years he completed one of the most difficult plates on the 3c 1851 stamp, having just secured the very last stamp needed. Feeling very elated, he triumphantly told his wife of his achievment, to which she replied, "Now can we go to dinner?"

Thursday, July 5, was Philatelic Societies Night and the delegates to the 1851-57 Convention were greeted by Donald M. Steele, President of A.P.S. Chapter #18, Jere Hess Barr and James B. Shaner of the American Philatelic Congress, Wm. H. Wilson of SEPAD and Arthur V. Nichol, President of the National Philatelic Museum.

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During the philatelic brunch, also held in the Warwick Hotel, Bernard Davis, Director of the Museum, acted as chairman. Henry A. Meyer acted as moderator and Stephen G. Rich as associate moderator. The most important feature was the talk given by Elliott Perry on "Carrier Fees." It was received with great enthusiasm and further announcement regarding it will be forthcoming in the future.

# **Early Cancellation** For Pius X Stamp

Although the philatelic press had announced that the Pope Pius X issue of the Vatican City appeared on June 4, P. Ostrow, Elizabeth, N. J., reports that he has received copies of the stamps cancelled June 3.

Mr. Ostrow says that, while the stamps themselves are water-

Mr. Ostrow says that, while the stamps themselves are water-marked with the Papal Keys of St. Peter, the margins of the sheets of 40 are watermarked, in addition, with the words "State della Citta del Vaticano" (State of the Vatican City) in double-lined capital letters.

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65c GREEN-APRIL 19, 1930-WASHINGTON-93,536 \$1.30 BROWN-APRIL 19, 1930-WASHINGTON-72,428 \$2.60 BLUE-APRIL 19, 1930-WASHINGTON-61,276

Ah, those Zeppelins! If only we had a little more money in those days, and if only some little bird had whispered in our ears—

but shucks, there's no use dreaming about what might have been.

I can't seem to recall, nor find readily, for what specific purposes each of the three stamps were used; suffice it to say that they were issued by our U. S. Post Office Department for the express purpose of being used on the first Europe-Pan American flight (beginning). ginning in Germany and ending in Germany) with most of the ex-orbitant price of our American stamps going to the German promoters of the flight.

And to still further boost their speculative price, all stamps were withdrawn from sale by Washington on June 3, 1930, and destroyed—MAYBE. Many American collectors deemed it a shell-game at the time and for that reason (foolishly) did not invest—at least not much.

Except two members of our old Appleton Philatelic Societya postmaster and a priest—who bought full sheets each, and you guess where they are sitting today. Sure—pretty.

Me? I risked one of each stamp on cover, only to have them stolen out of my albums some years later by "visiting firemen" or

philatelists, or sump'n.

The 65c stamp shows the Zeppelin over the Atlantic-the \$1.30 shows it between continents (Europe and South America)—the \$2.60 shows it passing all the world. Bon Voyage . . . .



#### & OLIVE-GREEN—SEPTEMBER 26, 1932 WASHINGTON-76,648,803

Puzzle: After four years of 5c airmail, why at this time, almost at the peak of our depression—with some 10 million unemployed, and hunger-marchers headed for Washington—should Congress decide to raise the airmail rate to 8c? I dunno—do you? The design is the same as last, and the color reflects the mood of the countryolive bistre.



# 50c GREEN-OCTOBER 2, 1933-NEW YORK CITY-324,070

ZEPPELIN. That racket worked so well three years before, so they wanted to try it again—those promoters. And we obliging issued the stamp, only smaller value this time—50c.

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The design shows the airship midway between its hangar at Friederichshafen and the exposition buildings in Chicago. As with the earlier Zepps, this stamp too has skyrocketed beyond all sense and bounds.



6c ORANGE—JULY 1, 1934—MANY POSTOFFICES—76,648.803
After reaching the White House, Franklin D. Roosevelt decided, among other things, that us poor, suffering Americans needed two things promptly; oldtime brewery beer, un-spiked and un-needled,

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#### POLK COUNTY (WIS.)

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The health council was organized to work towards better pub-lic health practices in the county. Very shortly after organization in 1949 a seal sale program was instituted to raise funds. Seal sale funds are used primarily to un-cover cases of tuberculosis and diabetes

diabetes.

The 1949 seal was printed by the Davis-Green Corp. of Waukesha, Wis. The design for this seal was purchased from the Waukesha County Council for Child Walfare due to the fact that time did not permit having a design drawn up. The seals were issued in sheets of 100 and 10.000 sheets were printed. Colors red, green and black on white paper. In 1950 the identical design was

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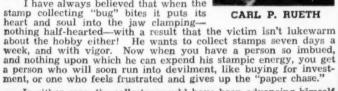
In this space in the edition of July 2, I tried to encourage collectors to investigate the pleasures of collecting other than the stamps of the United States. Obviously, these remarks were directed to stamp addicts of this country, but this same situation exists

elsewhere where the stamps of one's own nation remain a first choice of activity. In Canada, for instance, I know of several influential philatelists who chose to enlighten their fellows on the merits of col-

lighten their fellows on the merits of collecting other parts of the world besides straight Canada, or British North America, Certainly, there is nothing out of line collecting the stamps of one's country. If pursued the way it should, it will enable the pursuer to learn a lot about his government and fellow citizens, past and present, which he would not otherwise acquire. But it does seem that most nations do not supply enough new issues to acquire. But it does seem that most nations do not supply enough new issues to maintain a strong interest, and few collectors have the means, or the urge to go back and get the early material which takes both dollars and some consultation and study of the catalogs and reference

books.

I have always believed that when the



In either case, the collector would have been advancing himself in may ways by seeking other fields of philatelic interest. That is why the suggestion was made to collect the modern stamps of one or more of our international neighbors. In a number of instances these are far more attractive in design and color than those of his own country—it will supply a new field in which to learn, and a new source of philatelic pleasure.

If sold on the idea of collecting foreign, the newcomer gener-If sold on the idea of collecting foreign, the newconter generally wants a run-down on the standings of the various nations from a collector's viewpoint. This viewpoint will include availability, cost of stamps, their attractiveness, their liquidating value and popularity. Considering these factors from a United States scanning of the philatelic horizon, I believe the following rates the collectability of stamp issuing countries in a reasonably true manner.

Canada, then British North America, which includes Canada, the former Canadian Provinces and Newfoundland are probably the second most popular choice of Uncle Sam's citizens. Then close are the British Colonies of the West Indies. Next in line is a group which includes England and one or more of her other Colonies, France and Colonies, Germany and Colonies, Netherlands and Colonies, the Scandinavian nations, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary and the Vatican.

Then I would place Italy, Spain and Colonies, Greece, Japan and several of the South and Central American nations. Also Belgium, Iceland and Ireland. Those not mentioned rate from fair in popularity to very poor.

In my opinion, the best looking stamps are produced by Austria, Switzerland, France and Sweden, especially the engraved ones which for the most part are superb. The collection value of the stamps rate just about in the order of their popularity, for it can hardly be disputed that popularity is one of the major factors in determining a stamp's value.

Topical collecting which has advanced so healthily in the last few years seems to be an ideal way to enjoy the stamps of the world. Generally, the topicalist will search the four compass points for items to place in his albums. In this respect, the commemoratives issued for the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union were near ideal, for only a few stamp issuing countries were missing.

Trends in collecting change, just like styles and ways of doing things change. There are some nations whose stamps endure in popularity from decade to decade. But there are others which today might be in the nature of sleepers, and tomorrow the hottest on the market. If we could know which of these countries might emulate the Phoenix, we could get in on the ground floor while the philatelic material was low in selling price.

My personal crystal ball, which I wash and polish every Friday afternoon, tells me that perhaps in the not too distant future, the stamps of Japan and Brazil are going to be immensely popular to U. S. collectors. Japan has been brought closer to the United States economically, socially and nationally since World War II. The early classic stamps which should be avoided by all but the studious, are not attractive, but the modern material is both as to design and price. The Japs keep their stamp printing presses rolling, but they don't produce items with a "sucker" high face value.

Brazil is probably the United States' best friend in South America. When the chips were down and Uncle Sam needed help, the Brazilians sent a lot more than a bottle of rubbing alcohol and their mumbled diplomatic sympathies. Brazil's stamps are not good looking items at all—any way you want to look at them—design, color or production. The Brazilian Postal Ministry knows this, and they are rectifying the situation. They are going to produce some of the world's prettiest stamps soon. They have purchased the most up-to-date stamp printing presses from which multi-colored "stickers" are possible, the employees to run them were sent to Switzerland and elsewhere to learn operation and design techniques, while all will be housed in the most modern of new buildings.

If these stamps are everathers, you can bet that collectors will

If these stamps are eyecatchers, you can bet that collectors will go for them, and they'll probably want back issues, whether pretty, or not. But they will probably have to do some scrambling. You know why? Because Brazil's stamps are produced in very limited quantities, and there just haven't been too many of them saved.



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in the Hotel Sheraton-Sinton, convention headquarters, while others will take attendees to points of interest, and fun, in and around the "Queen City".

There will be a trip to the Taft Museum, one to the Rookwood Pottery, the Kroger Foundation, a sightseeing tour, a style show and luncheon at Shillito's, and a trip to Coney Island for fun and dinner. dinner.
At the Hotel there will be a

at the Hotel there will be a convention station post office, and auction (Friday at 2 p. m.), after show parties and a jamboree. Harry Weiss, editor of Weekly Philatelic Gossip, will stage his well known two hour show on Fakes and Forgeries on Saturday afternoon. afternoon.

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7 p. m. on Saturday evening, while on Sunday morning a philatelic writers breakfast will con-

atelic writers breakfast will convene at 10 a. m.
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for cashing one.

July 1, was the actual date the new system and orders came into being, but since that date fell on a Sunday, it was hardly possible to get one date stamped July 1. I know. I tried at a number of the post offices surroughing Sid I know. I tried at a number of the post offices surrounding Sidney, and there are some small ones which might have seen fit to be open for an hour or two. Nothing doing though.

So I gave up all thought of having one of the new money orders date stamped the first day of July.

But I must live right for a good.

of July.

But I must live right, for a good angel in the person of M. C. Hutchison of New Smyrna Beach, Florida sent one as a gift with the July 1 date. It was not issued at his local office, but from a nearby community.

Mr. Hutchison thought that first, second and third class post offices could not issue July 1 orders, but fourth class offices, if open on Sunday, could if they wanted.

wanted.
The July 1 orders should be

rather scarce.

1. The Iwo Jima commem of 1945 which honored the achiev-ments of the U.S. Marines in World War II shows the raising of

the flag on Mount ??
2. The last president of the United States to be assassinated is shown on what denomination of the Presidential series?

One of the sections of the Post

One of the sections of the Post Office Department which was losing money, was the Money Order division which wound up the last fiscal year with a 28 million dollar deficit. Introduction of the new system is expected to reduce it substantially, if not entirely. Under the old set-up, accounting, was a severe department of this part of annual deficit of the Depart at will mean a few cents capita saved in taxes. Feet the same as for the old, a is also required to fill in the form to make a purchase.

THANKS FOR THE COUNTING System.

As for instance, all New York City post offices are in the New York State district. Henceforth all money orders cashed in New York State will end up at the main Federal Reserve Office in NYC or in one of the state

Postmasters are required to de-Postmasters are required to deposit money orders cashed at their offices to their accounts in the local bank which in turn is given credit when the orders are turned over to a Federal Reserve Bank. The latter institution then collects from the United States Treasury.

This system is simpler than the latter in the making.

In the meanwhile, the Department is suggesting to its postmasters the use of the 1½c stamped envelopes which it still has in the millions, and for which now, there is a casellad and its content of the conten

Treasury.

This system is simpler than the former whereby post offices shuffled the orders among themelves until respective orders got back to the office of issuance.

Taking New York City as an example again, it is expected that an average of 325.000 money orders will be presented daily for redemption. All must be separated and totaled and made ready for return to one of the twelve districts.

districts.

That function is performed at 95 Maiden Lane where a group of 75 specially trained girls operating 38 machines 24 hours a day will first sort the orders mechanically. From there the orders will go to the regional accounting office of the Bureau of Accounts where they will be listed, audited and stored away for 30 months.

That will mean providing ac-curate storage for up to 40 million after which time they can be destroyed. (The new money orders are not payable after one year from the date on them).

One of the machines was originally invented by the International Business Machines Corp. (IBM) to assist a national poling organization to evaluate the various answers to their questions asked of the public. With a few changes, it was adapted to the Post Office Department's requirements ments

ments.
In all there are seven types of high speed pieces of mechanical equipment which are used for the issuance, checking, cataloging and filing of records, the checking of serial numbers, the totaling of money orders received and the sum involved and even the detection of counterfeits.

the detection of counterfeits.

The statistical machine is the most amazing of the lot. One foot wide, and four feet high by four long, it handles 450 money orders

long, it handles 450 money orders per minute, the while recording the data indicated by any grouping of the up to 51 punched holes. And should some "clever" person decide to add a few holes of their own, the machine will throw these out to one side for a personal look on the part of the clerk.

clerk.
Its job is to get the money total of the orders fed through it as well as the quantity of them.
Then there is a machine called the sorter which responds to 80 different punched holes. This separates the items into the various

national districts.

A collator is another of the mechanical, rapid fire robots used in the process. Its job is to arrange the orders by serial number and to check their genuiness. The orders are then filed away, and if at some time later another order shows up with the same serial number, the clerk will know that one of the two is a counterfeit

It will probably take about two years of rearranging and operat-ing under the new system before the Department can tell what

ing under the new system before the Department can tell what kind of savings in money can be effected over the previous setup, but it is expected that a good part of the 28 million dollar deficit of the Money Order Division will be wiped out.

The public itself will see no direct benefits although with a curtailment of this part of the annual deficit of the Department it will mean a few cents per capita saved in taxes. Fees are the same as for the old, and it is also required to fill in the same form to make a purchase.

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Some of you have written asking why you have not been able to buy the new stamped envelopes at your local post office. There is a good reason why you can't. Enough of them are not being manufactured to meet the demand or to catch up and got

mand, or to catch up and get ahead of it. These are printed by a private contractor who is two months be-hind schedule. That situation should not last too long since fa-

ment is suggesting to its postmas-ters the use of the 1½c stamped envelopes which it still has in the millions, and for which now, there is a small demand.

Permission has been granted for the breaking of full boxes, something not heretofore permissible. Window clerks are asked to have the public purchase a 1½c stamp to be added to the envelope to make up the first class lope to make up the first class 3c rate. There is a possibility that these

surplus 1½c envelopes be sur-charged with a new value. That happened in the 1920's.

The Scott United States Sperevaluation of the stamped envelopes as follows:

changed in 1920, it was estimated there were at least 169,000,000 of the 3 cent envelopes on hand. Dies were made for the cancelling machines and the surplus stock was run through the machines and surcharged '2 CENTS'.

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running them through the can-

celling machines.

"These dies, as provided, printed upon the 3 cent stamped envelope a large double-line numeral 2' with horizontal or vertical lines beneath the numeral. Some of the 3 cent envelopes were of the 3 cent envelopes were printed with the large '2' appearing at the left of the 3 cent stamp and the word 'CENTS' running through it.
"Superging was done in either

"Surchrging was done in either black or red ink, the latter being officially discontinued because of unsatisfactory results.

unsatisfactory results.
"Postmasters received the dies from the Post Office Department, according to the Postal Bulletin, January 31, 1920. There were two types of cancelling machines in use at various large post offices and different dies were made."

Again in 1925 such surcharging was employed to dispose of stocks of 1c envelopes. That was brought on by new rates effective April

15. 1925.

The new denomination of "1½c" was imprinted similarly to that above at certain post offices where there was a large surplus

of such 1c envelopes.

Also surcharged at this time were some of the 2c envelopes of 1887 and some of the 1c of the 1899 issue either because of an emergency for the envelopes, or as an opportunity of clearing out

About as neat a job of opening a city branch post office station as I have heard of in quite some time occurred at Grand Rapids, Mich. Usually, they just open these sub-stations, and that's all there's to it.

But when they opened the Burker Heights Station provision was

But when they opened the Burton Heights Station provision was made for an attractive cachet, and the delivery of this souvenir mail to the main post office by a relay of "pony express" riders. Designers of the cachet were M. E. Chergwin station examiner and Irwin W. Miller assistant superintendent, the latter doing the actual art work.

perintendent, the latter doing the actual art work.

It pictures the well known "Pony Express" rider symbol of the Post Office Department plus dedicatory wording.

All of this took place on July 2 according to Walter MacPeek of Ground Rapids who sent covers.

Grand Rapids who sent covers.

Remember some weeks ago when I mentioned the incident where General Electric's famed Steinmetz solved a problem mentally. It involved the volume removed from a two inch cylinder when a two inch hole was bored vertically through it.

A Petroff of Los Angeles, Calif. says the solution involves but an

says the solution involves but an elementary calculus formula: V = 16/3 x R(cubed). V representing volume and R the radius of the cylinders. Comes out 5.33 cubic inches.

1. Mount Suribachi 2. President William McKinley on the 25c.

## Transit Postmark In New Format

The Transit Postmark, edited and published by Hershel E. Rankin, Box 152, Raleigh, Tenn. was issued in new format with the latest publication.

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# Czech Specialized Catalog Produced

POFIS of Prague, Czechoslovakia has just released the 1951
edition of the Specialized Catalog of the stamps of that nation.
It is edited by I. Rocnik.
Greatest drawback to its effective use is that it is written in
the Czech language, The listings
are rather comprehensive in-

cluding the illustration of many plate and printing varieties not generally found in other cata-

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# COLLECTION FOR SALE?

by Lewis F. Turley

In these days of liquidation of holdings, and of large or small collections, many collectors are bound and determined to read more value into their material than possible for dealers to pay. Many dealers are faced with replacement of stamps of long ago and find the market thin. The older values seem to have gradually worked themselves into a scarce state while the more modscarce state while the more mod-ern items can be had more read-

The mere fact that during the peak season of 1945-47 many stamps reached astronomical figstamps reached astronomical fig-ures when they were strictly speculative items forced many persons to part with easily earn-ed dollars. Now while the dol-lar valuation has slipped to a mere shadow of its former self, the same easy money is not so easy to gain anymore. At one time, it will be re-

At one time, it will be re-called by the old timers, 1847 stamps in the 5c and 10c values could be had very cheaply. How many of the more modern collections today ever sport one of them? Very few, if any collec-tors seem to wish to go back that of far.

far.
They tell us that it is too costly to purchase the older stamps. A look at the comparative values of 5c and 10c 1847 over the current stamps rising and falling will show that the older stamps have held their own much better.
In looking at a buying list of April 1888, one would find that the collector comparatively speaking was being taken, as against

the collector comparatively speaking was being taken, as against the holdings of today. This list only carries stamps from the Provisionals at \$1.50 each to the 4c value of 1883 at 10 for 1c.

Compared to current valuations, one wishes he could return to replenish his supplies at the then current buying prices. Imagine buying 5c 1847's at 15c each! A 10c value at 75c seems high considering the early date in question. Not too many stamp collectors in those days, probably accounts for these prices. A further look at quotations would show the following: 1c Carrier Stamp Eagle blue, 15c each; 90c Blue 1861 60c each; 90c Black and Carmine 1869 \$1.75 and the topper of all is the Providence 5c. U.S. Providence 5c. 90c Black and Carmine 1869 \$1.75 and the topper of all is the Providence 5c U.S. Provisional at \$2.00 each. These are prices for stamps that are not torn, heavily cancelled with full perforations and must not be peeled or soaked from envelopes. Such is life.

life.

Stamps purchased in those days in 100 lots "must be neatly tied up in packages of 100 each, all faced the same way, and must be carefully sorted". Compare that with the way some people keep their duplicates today and see what a headache the dealer has now.

Of course, offered for sale in

Of course, offered for sale in the same price list is the Postage Stamp Catalogue New Edition 25c while the cloth binding was 50c per volume. Also one finds that the dealer offered to practically put anyone in the business if he would only assist him in selling stamps.

30% commission was offered for all consignments sold while you could buy 5 Confederate stamps at 40c per packet. "A nice tidy little commission awaits those that prove reliable and responsible." How tidy can you get on 30% of 40c when no one will buy.

In this first struggle for the continuance of the hobby of stamp collecting one finds the Charleston Philatelic Society of-Charleston Philatelic Society offering to set aside the sum of
\$2.00 for the "History of the Postage Stamps of the United States",
by John K. Tiffany. This is a
rare volume that few today have
in their libraries. In those days
it was considered enough for the
book. book.

Searching further, it was brought to light that James Chalmer was noted and honored as the inventor of the Postage Stamp (adhesive type) and not Sir Rowland Hill recently honor-ed in the Centenary of Stamps Exhibit in London. The article gives the idea that the First Ad-hesive Stamp was got up on his (James Chalmer's) premises

where he was a printer and publisher of a paper.
This was in Dundee, Scotland in 1834. As proof of the fact, it was advanced that "two of Mr. Chalmer's employees remembered the printing of the stamps, the melting of the gum, the gumming of the back of the sheets, and the of the back of the squares as fully required."

"In 1882 these gentlemen, came

"In 1882 these gentlemen, came forward with letters that have been published stating the above facts. The stamp was a label type of stamp stating 'General Postage NOT EXCEEDING ONE OUNCE/Twopence,' all within a fancy diamond border. The original can be found in the Art Library of the South Kensington Museum, London."

The article goes on further to state that "the stamps were gummed, and one of the specimens had stamped across the face the

med, and one of the specimens had stamped across the face the postmark—'Dundee, 10th February, 1838,' exemplifying a system of cancellation."

Although not wishing to start a war of pros and cons on the merits and the whys and wherefores of just who did invent the first adhesive stamp one wonders if the claim from Scotland is true and takes first precedence over that of Rowland Hill of England.

Anyone wishing to survey fur-

Anyone wishing to survey further into the matter can look at page 33, of the Philatelic Journal of America, Volume III, issue of March 1887 to January 1888.

Interest in the older stamp will do much to revive the sale and collecting of stamps. We can not hope to buy them at the prices mentioned but we can add specimens of the older stamps to specimens of the older stamps to our collection at a much more durable figure and not see our investments vanish with a falling market.

Dumping of holdings of mil-Dumping of holdings of mil-lions of stamps just can not hap-pen when your collection con-tains only the older items and less of the newer ones. The older ones are proven to be valuable while it will take years for the issues of the last 10 or more years to prove anything

to prove anything.

How I wish I could return to the old days for a visit with my pockets full of money and then come back to this day and age.

Nice hunting, don't you think?

## October Exhibition At Niagara Falls

The Second Annual Exhibition and Bourse of the Niagara Front-ier Federation of Stamp Clubs will be held October 12-14 in the Shewator Hotel Sheraton Hotel, Rochester, New York, Dr. Don H. Silsby of Spring-field, Missouri will be the ban-quet speaker. An auction is to be conducted by Herman Herst of Shrub Oak, New York.

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# Czechs Produce Four Sport Stamps

When Czechoslovakia's Sokol Federation had its ninth congress in June, that nation issued a set of four stamps on June 21 with of four stamp sport themes.



A 1Kcs green pictures a male gymnast performing on the aerial rings. In brown, the 1.50Kcs pictures a girl discus thrower. Action involving two players in a soccer game is shown on the 3Kcs maroon, while a on the 3Kcs maroon, while a skier appears on the 5Kcs, blue



J. A. Svengsbir designed and engraved the four which were printed on cream colored paper in panes of 70 and 35 copies.

Also released on June 21 were two stamps both of the same design hopeying the tenth appreciate.

design honoring the tenth anniversary of the death of Dr. Bohumir Smeral.

Denominations and colors were 1.50Kcs green and 3Kcs red. Vaclav Sprungl did the designing and Ladislav Jirka the engraving. Printing was in panes of 50 and 25 stamps respectively.

# **British Colonial** Dealer Robbed

Sometime on Wednesday July 4th, between 11 a. m. and 2 p. m., burglars broke into the office apartment of Eugene Fisch, British Colonial Wholesaler, 83-80 118th St., Kew Gardens 15, N.Y., and stole stamps from his stock amounting to over \$40,000.

The burglars broke open the steel cabinets which contained Mr. Fisch's stock. The stock consisted of wholesale quantities of Great Britain and British Colonials from "A" to "Z", including all of the better grade and rare stamps of this category.

On the back of the better grade stamps Mr. Fisch put his mark which was a large script "E" and small "f" joined, followed by a and small "f" joined, followed by a period, and applied in the lower corner of the stamp by a small steel die. At times he applied a similar mark in lead pencil.

Anyone having any information which they consider might be helpful in leading to the recovery of the stock, please communiery of the stock, please communicate with Peter G. Keller, Executive Officer, A.S.D.A., 65 Nassau St., New York 38, N.Y., Telephone, COrtlandt 7-6432; or Eugene Fisch, 83-80 118th St., Kew Gardens 15, N.Y., Telephone, Virginia 7-3756; or Detective Richard, Telephone, Virginia 7-2328.



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ARGENTINE — A 20c olive-green, marking the tenth anni-versary of the State air lines (Lineas Aereas del Estado) has been received from H. G. Spanton. The stamp went on sale June 20. BELGIUM—Two airmail stamps are to be issued in the form of

are to be issued in the form of a triptych, the center portion of which will be a perforated label without franking value, according to Whitfield King & Co.

The stamps, which are to be of the 6fr., blue, and 7fr., orange-red, denominations, will show a glider and an aeroplane of the "Tipsey" type, respectively. Inscriptions, in dark blue, will appear in the center portion relative to the 50th anniversary of the Aero Club.

The strip wil be sold at 50fr.

The strip wil be sold at 50fr., and only 40,000 copies were to be sold between June 18 and 30.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA — Whitfield King & Co. reports the following planned issues: Dr. Boh. Smeral, one of the founders of the Communist Party in Czechoslovakia (1kx 50 and 3kr.) Sportsolovakia (1kx 50 and 3kr.) Sportsolovakia (1kx 50 and 3kr.) Sportsolovakia

the Communist Party in Czechoslovakia (1kr.50 and 3kr.); Sports
set with scenes (1kr.50 and 2kr.);
Soviet Motion Picture issue (80h.,
1kr.50 and 4kr.); Alois Jirasek,
writer (1kr.50 and 5kr.) and youth
work (80h., 1kr.50 and 2kr.).
GERMANY—If plans materialize, the National Philatelic Museum in Philadelphia will be honored on a special stamp from
Western Germany. An exhibition
of stamps of the western zone will
be held in the Museum in the
fall, and official cooperation has
been promised by Minister of
Postal and Traffic Affairs Schuberth. A companion stamp will berth. A companion stamp will depict the Parliament at Bonn.

In the Eastern area Ernest Riet-schel advises three stamps have been issued to mark German-Chi-Friendship. The 12 and g. values show a portrait of 50pfg. Mao-tse-tung, Chinese Commu-nist leader, while the 24pfg, rep-resents "Execution of land reform in China" after a woodcut by Niu Wen. June 21 is stated to be the date of issue.

GREECE-This nation marked the 1900th anniversary of the visit of St. Paul to that coun-try, according to Gimbels Stamp Dept. The 700 drachma value, in magenta, shows a sacrificial table with a sword, the shadow of which makes a Cross. St. Paul, with the Scriptures, is shown on the 1600dr., blue, and the 2600dr., brown, shows the Apostle's head

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new definitive issue, with por-trait, appeared July 11, according to the Crown Agents for the Colonies. Values are: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 15, 25, 50 and 50 cents, \$1., \$2 and \$5.

MALTA—The Crown Agents advise that the 7th Century of the Scapular commemorative set appeared July 12. Values are 1d.,

i. and 1sh.

HUNGARY—The Tribune Stamp Co. has forwarded four values of a Congress anniversary issue (May 24, 1944-1951). Values are 2.50 lek., 3lek, 5lek and 8 lek. ITALY—According to P. Ostrow, the Italian Ministry of Posts are capitally and provide in the control of the contr

is seriously considering issuance of a tourist series, publicizing the beauties of Italy. Such stamps, sought for some time, might well show the Alpine areas, the bay of Naples, Capri and other scenes.

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GREECE—A set of four stamps is scheduled for release during. August which will fill the 10-year gap in airmail releases, according to the Aero-Philatelist's News. The stamps will have a face value of a little over a dollar, and will mark Greek military victories.

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provide funds for the University. Representatives of the 14 inter-ested colonies agreed on the amount that each colony was to provide and these commemora-tive stamps were to be issued on-

live stamps were to be issued only in amounts necessary to provide the quota for each colony.
Virgin Island with an area of
only 67 square miles and a population of under 7,000, received
the smallest quota and the total
printing for this colony was between 80 and 90 thousand sets
and the total number of complete
sets is governed by the smallest
issue.

all available supplies had been bought by these speculators. However, there has been no large stocks on the market and the price of the complete sets has increased.

The latest information from a reliable source, is that these stamps were issued primarily to sets is governed by the smallest issue. If this information is correct, and the writer believes it is, then these B.W.I. University complete sets should be good and the present price of around \$2.50 for the reliable source, is that these stamps were issued primarily to

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who have waited for a break in prices, begin to buy.

BRITISH ISLANDS IN SOUTH-ERN HEMISPHERE. I have just received a copy of this official publication which supplies valuable information for specialists in this group. Included are Mauritius, Seychelles, Falkland Islands and Falkland Dependencies, Fiji, St. Helena. Ascension and Tristan St. Helena, Ascension and Tristan

e Cunha. Also included are the Western Also included are the Western Pacific High Commission, which governs four main groups of islands, each with its own administration. This includes Tonga, Gilbert and Ellice, British Solomon Island and New Hebrides. Also a number of small unattached islands, such as Pitcairn.

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There is a fine map of each of these islands as well as informa-tion regarding area, population and Racial Composition. Also supplied is information on imports and exports.

and exports.

If interested in any of these groups, this book will supply valuable information, possibly not obtainable elsewhere. This book of 128 pages is available from the British Information Service at 30 Rockfeller Plaza, New York. The price is 90c postnaid

GRENADA. The present set of four postage due stamps have been in use since 1922 without change. Due to the recent change to decimal currency, four new postage due stamps are being prepared and are expected to be

released soon.

The design will be the same as at present and the new values

will be 2c, 4c. 6c and 8c.

Also in preparation are several postal stationery items, including registration envelopes, and post cards, all in the new decimal

MALTA. The 7th Centenary of the Scapular Commemorative stamps were released for sale on July 12. There are three values, 1d, 3d and one shilling.

# OPS Convention At Muskogee In October

Muskogee, Oklahoma will be the scene of the 19th annual convention and exhibition of the

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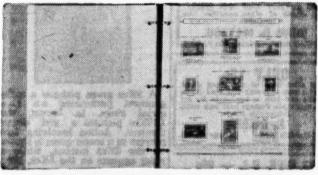
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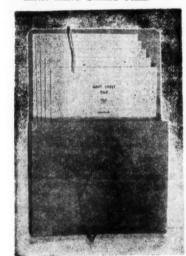
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# Jesuit Introduced Masonry To Costa Rica

The February-March issue of the Masonic Philatelist had an interesting news item which mer-its reproduction. The Masonic Philatelist is the official organ of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York City.

The item was taken from the 1947 Transactions of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. In his "State of the Order" report, John H. Cowles, Sovereign Grand Commander, wrote as follows.

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"Freemasonry was introduced into Central America by a Jesuit priest, who sailed in a small boat across the Caribbean Sea to Cartagena, Colombia (scenes of which are to be found on Colombian stamps), where he secured a charter from the Grand Orient of Spain that was functioning in that republic. He then returned to Costa Rica (map #A78) and instituted a blue lodge. Out of that grew the Supreme Council of Central America in 1871, which covered the five republics."

The Supreme Council founders

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Francisco Calvo, presbyter, doctor of theology, canon of the San Jose Cathedral (Roman Catholic), as Sovereign Grand Commander.

Dr. Jose Maria Castro, president of the republic for two terms, 1847-9; 1866-8), president of the congress and the supreme court of justice, founder and rector of Santo Tomas University, jurist, orator and diplomat, as Grand Chancellor. (Pictured on Costa Rica A35, A50, A116, AP23; also Guatemala AP14).

Dr. Lorenzo Montufar, secretary of state, rector of Santo Tomas University, president of the supreme court, apostle of liberalism in Central America and deputy in Guatemala in 1856, as Grand Minister of State, Guater.

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Francisco Peralto Alvarado, teacher, banker, benefactor of San Juan de Dios Hospital (AP-38), as First Grand Representative

The Jesuit priest, Bro. Cowles reports, continued as Master of his Lodge and Grand Commander until his death. The gavel he used is on display in the Masonic Temple in Costa Rica.

## Woman President Of Oshkosh Club

The Oskosh, Wisconsin Philatelic Society had themselves a "first time in our history" recently when they elected a woman to the presidency of the club.

She is Mrs. Louise A. Wiese a former member of the Sheboygan and Green Bay clubs and for seven years an employee of the Museum at Green Bay.

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# First Eire Branch In New York City

Branch #1 of the Eire Philatelic Association is established in the New York City area and has Thomas F. Bannigan, Jr., P. O. Box 11, Brooklyn 10, N.Y. as secretary.

The association has an international membership of collectors interested in the stamps and m. Visitors are welcome. the philatelic material of Ireland.

National secretary is John J.
Clark, 947 E. 32nd St., Brooklyn
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# Dealer \* Doings

Alex A. Jason, 911 Tenth St., Grand Rapids 4, Mich. who has dealt in postally used stamps of the British Commonwealth for quite some time has added to the services he is able to offer cus-tomers. He has purchased a stock of Stanley Gibbons of London, England catalogs, supplies, albums and accessories and will hardle Gibbons' line regularly.

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In the early Fall, John B. Kilton, 109 Empire St., Providence 3, R. I. will have his new illustrated price list of stamps of the United price list of stamps of the United States and Canada ready for dis-tribution. Interested collectors are invited to write for a copy, mentioning Linn's. There is no obligation, and the list will be mailed soon as received in Sep-tember.

There are several dealers who There are several dealers who have extensive stocks of stamps on Topical Subjects one of them, Vern B. Matson, 2809 Park Ave. Minneapolis 7, Minn. Mint copies of stamps picturing Americana, Animals, Bridges, Children, Flags, Maps, Medicine, Religion, Trains, Women, Music, Sports are to be had on approval against references. Mention Linn's.

Murray Simnock & Co., 116 Nassau St., New York 38 is now in the process of moving the busi-ness to a Florida location. To save moving a large stock of mint United States commemorative United States commemorative sheets they are offering a number of them at reduced prices. Ads in the July 2, 9 and 16 editions of Linn's offer such sheets in fine to very fine condition.

On page five of this paper each week will be found the ad of the House of Philately, P. O. Box 133, New York 24, N. Y. with offers of the newest of the new issues, as well as stamps of the past few months. House of Philately also has an extensive stock of mint complete sets of all popular nations going years back. Write your wants to them.

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# Three Officers For Austin Club

Officers who assumed their po-Officers who assumed their positions in the Austin, Texas Stamp Club at mid-year were president David Warren; vice president Charles B. Mills; and secretary-treasurer C. F. Hardman, 4112 Ave. "F", Austin, Texas.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday evenings of each month in the auditorium of the Austin Public Library at 7:30 p.

Wistors are welcome



Kenneth M. Gierhart Baltimore, Ohio

#### MERIT BADGE

We mentioned some time ago that Boy Scouts had revised the requirements for the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge. We are indebted to W. Arthur McKinney of White Plains, N. Y. for sending us the chart as supplied to Scout us the chart as supplied to Scout

us the chart as supplied to Scout Masters who oversee the work done for the Merit Badges.

It is in Article (1) sec. (d) that the precancel field has been included and I will quote as per the chart. "(d) A collection of 200 or more special items such as pre-cancelled stamps, postage meters, revenue stamps, covers, postal stationery, etc." al stationery, etc.

Also in Article 4 we find the precancel again referred to and I quote this article. "4. Exhibit one stamp in each of the following classifications and explain the purpose of each: regular postage, commemorative, semi-postal, air mail, postage due, envelope, special delivery, precancel and revenue."

I am deeply gratified to note that the Precancel has been given its just rank in the philatelic field by the men who compiled the re-quirement chart. The Precancel has long played an important part in our postal history and deserves just recognition.

I wish to thank C. A. Butler of Minneapolis, Minn. for also offering the above information.

#### Chester, Ohio

Another new Ohio town. It's in the Ohio River district northeast of Pomeroy. A grocer the user. The type is U-120n. 1c Presidential was seen.

### Twelve Mile, Ind.

Mr. Art Bruns of Celina, O. tells us that Twelve Mile, Ind. is about 12 miles northwest of Peru, Ind. and the same distance northeast of Logansport. Perhaps that's how it got its name, being 12 miles from these places

12 miles from these places.
Can someone tell us about the industries etc.
In OHIO you will find Seven Mile. It's in the Dayton area.

# PAKISTAN

(Continued from page 1)

raditional arts of Pakistan. The design represents the Moslem heritage and Pakistan's interest in its revival.

in its revival.

Stamps for the prepayment of domestic and foreign airmail fees are represented by the 3a and 12a dark red and greenish blue respectively. In a small format, the design pictures a stylized airplane in flight before a crescent and an hour glass.

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The symbolical intention is to typify the saving of time and the shortening of space using the airplane for travel and transport.



Also in small format are the Also in small format are the
4a green and the 6a brown both
of which have a leaf design.
Throughout the centuries, Moslems have used the leaf pattern
is as one of the chief motifs of arthe lit is in this particular field
that the designer Chughtai ex-

cels.



Again in the large size Again in the large size horizontal format are the 8a dark brown and the 10a purple. Both show the familiar Moslem arch from the center of which a lamp is horizon. is from the center of which a lamp is hanging. Both items are typically Moslem and represent that religion's contribution to the world's architecture and learning.

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No mention was made in the official announcement whether first day covers will be serviced for collectors, an almost unknown item in many countries of the east the east. Cover

Cover collectors wanting to risk envelopes and money in an attempt to get such covers can address their requests to the address given for the purchase of the stamps.

#### Release Second **Bulletin For ITEP**

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# Stamps Illustrate Lions Blind Aid

Frank A. Scofield, a member of the San Francisco Lions Club, used his hobby of stamp collect-ing in a unique manner to publi-cize some of the worthy projects of his club.

The club has backed a lot of assistance to the blind, and this is one of the activities which Mr. Scofield has illustrated with stamps.

He made up an album page, complete with stamps and write-up illustrating the three steps of help. France, Scott #B79, pictures a blind man with his radio. Mr. Scofield used this stamp to symbolize direct assistance.

Educational service to the blind was represented by Netherlands #B52 which in its design shows a blind girl learning to read Braille.

The third step, that of prevention, was exemplified via Mexico #806 which pictures the removal of a blindfold from a child.

If the above sounds interesting to Lions among the Paders, further information can be gotten, on club stationery, from Mr. Sco-field at 593 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.

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by Harry A. Gordon

In view of the splendid report of the B-47 flight cover featured in the June 4 edition of Linn's, I thought readers might be interested in seeing a cover—one of four—flown by the same pilot, Major Robert W. Halliday when he made his surprise first flight across the Pacific, non-stop earlier this year in the opposite direction.

That took place on February 22, 1951 and according to the Secretary for Air of the Defense Department, took six hours.

My covers had been prepared over a year previously and were in fact in other hands somewhere at a southern air field. How they managed to get into Major Halliday's hands in time for the flight is still a wonderful mystery to me and one of those nice, miraculous things which happen to collectors who live right (!) and love their

My collection now houses over 169 specimens from nearly every in the United States Air Force, Canada, France, Great Britain, Italy (1941) and Sweden.

Others reported as existing but as yet not in my collection have come into the hands of other collectors of jet covers from such nations as the Union of South Africa and Switzerland, I hope eventually to get covers from all nations now having jets.

Altho there is no official status to these jet covers, the pilots for the most part are military and see no reason not to fly them for

We like them!

# Beautiful Defendant's Life Saved By A Postmark!

To a philatelist, one of the most interesting Scottish postmarks is the Glasgow "combined" mark, which is sometimes termed the "Madeline Smith" cancellation thanks to the important part which it played in the famous murder trial of that name.

Unless this date stamp was very carefully used, the date falling on the stamp was illegible, and it was due to the fact that the postmarks on two letters were in the was spared on July 8th, 1857. indistinct that Madeline Smith's

Madeline Smith was the talented daughter of a wealthy Glasgow citizen, James Smith, who resided at 7 Blythswood Square, and who also owned a country house at Helensburgh. At the age of 19 she formed a liason with a young Frenchman named Pierre Emile L'Angelier who was employed by a firm of seed merchants in Glasgow as a dispatch clerk.

Though forbidden by her parents to meet the Frenchman, she continued to keep company with him secretly both in Glasgow and in Helensburgh, and for almost two years scores of love letters were exchanged. Madeline des-troyed all the letters which she received, but her lover carefully kept every letter and envelope.

Eventually Madeline met another to whom she became en-gaged, her parents approving of her choice. L'Angelier then threatened to show her love letters to her parents and her fiance but she countered this by successful-ly assuring him of her devotion. At 2:30 a. m. on March 23rd, 1857, after a surreptitious visit to her Glasgow home, he herens

her Glasgow home, he became acutely ill and died after suffering great agony.

A friend of L'Angeliers discovered several hundred letters from Madeline Smith, and became sus-picious, promptly handed them over to the Procurator Fiscal. A post-mortem was made and it was proved that L'Angelier had died of arsenical poisoning and, fur-ther, that Madeline Smith had purchased arsenic shortly before. She was arrested on the capital charge of murder.

As the case proceeded, it seemed as if Madeline had no hope of obtaining a verdict of "Not Guil-

ty" or even "Not Proven". However, thanks to the brilliant handling of the case by the Dean of faculty, she was acquitted. The turning point in the case was when the Lord Advocate, James Moncrieff, discredited one of his own witnesses, an expert own witnesses, an expert from the G.P.O. who was called to identify postmarks and cancella-tions. Mr. McDonald, the G.P.O. expert, was very indefinite re-garding the two postmarks, and it was to this that Madeline Smith owed her life. owed her life.

# Prospectus For Centilux Printed

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